

**To:** Allen, HarryL[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wise, Robert  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 2:06:29 AM  
**Subject:** Re: R9 activities

I need a drink

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 8:04 PM, "Allen, HarryL" <[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.HarryL@epa.gov)> wrote:

Nice. Great job!

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 6:58 PM, "Wise, Robert" <[Wise.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Wise.Robert@epa.gov)> wrote:

EPA Region 9 will be providing assistance to Navajo NTUA (utilities) to deliver water to the areas impacted by the Gold King Mine Spill. NTUA is sourcing the water from their Sweetwater wells and filling up the service tanks in the affected areas. The ERRS contractor will be providing assistance in the transportation of these waters.

Today, the President of the Navajo Nation and his staff toured the Gold King Mine Site. Rusty Harris-Bishop handled the tour. The President and his staff then attended the community meeting in Durango.

I am preparing the IAP for Farmington with an 72 hour operational period to match the Area Command's one. I will try to have it to you within the next two hours.

**From:** Allen, HarryL  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 6:46 PM  
**To:** Nattis, Randy; Wise, Robert; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Robberson, Bill; Yogi, David; Hubbard, Secody; Calanog, Steve; Moxley, Bret; Guria, Peter  
**Subject:** Fwd: R9 activities

This was my update earlier today. I will include the Navajo Emergency Declaration.

What other additional information can you provide for the sitrep tonight?

I'll cover staffing and ICP stuff and I'll include the full R8 sitrep as well.

Couple other items from Enrique:

- need a R9 only field coordination call. He suggests 830 am tomorrow repeating daily
- Jared and Kelly need a morning (by 1130) activity update *w Key Messages* I have been doing this (see below) but Rusty should take this on starting tomorrow
- Navajo management call 3pm. Randy has been doing this w Enrique. Updates to sitrep. I cannot do the next 2 days so hoping Bill will join EM and Randy
- sitrep sharing R8 sitrep and our activities w regional ER list and Navajo officials. Suggest appointing Bill as SITL in the office until ICP ready. I am doing tonight's.
- 8 getting heat in data availability. Need new focus on data availability but importantly interpretation and actions.

So send we what you got for today ASAP. Thanks!

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Allen, HarryL" <[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.HarryL@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 9, 2015 at 11:43:36 AM PDT  
**To:** "Kao, Jessica" <[Kao.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Kao.Jessica@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Blumenfeld, Jared" <[BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV](mailto:BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV)>, "Manzanilla, Enrique" <[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov](mailto:Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov)>  
**Subject: R9 activities**

### **Region 9 Background**

The discharge has moved quickly and is in the vicinity of the Navajo Nation boundary, near Kirtland, NM. Navajo officials have reacted quickly, assessing their well fields and drinking and irrigation water intake systems and issuing a

precautionary "do not use" public service announcement regarding water from potentially impacted sources. Region 9 held a conference call today with Navajo Nation EPA (NNEPA) and Navajo Department of Public Safety.

The Navajo EPA surface water monitoring program (Shiprock Office) collected water and sediment samples from the San Juan River yesterday - prior to the spill impact. Region 9 provided 2 START contractors and 4 additional personnel are en route to coordinate and conduct increased sample collection and lab analysis in conjunction with NNEPA.

A Region 9 OSC will report to Farmington on Monday to assist. A joint EPA/NNEPA river sampling program has commenced focusing on the San Juan between Shiprock/Hogback, NM area and Mexican Hat, UT and will continue for the foreseeable future. NNEPA also requested drinking water sampling support immediately for Navajo operated water intakes. NNEPA and USEPA drinking water experts agreed to inventory and assess water sources including private wells and intakes.

## STAFFING

### Farmington

Two Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs) are deploying to Farmington on Sunday. The CICs will plan to meet with local Navajo Chapter officials and prepare to host public meetings in the coming days. The CICs will partner with NNEPA and NN Department of Public Safety to ensure comprehensive outreach to all affected Navajo Chapters.

1 R9 OSC arriving Monday, 2 more arriving Wednesday

### Durango

1 OSC is in the Durango Incident Command Post to coordinate Navajo field activity updates and results with Region 8. Preparing the R9/R6 incident action plan and staffing the IMT.

The Region has also deployed a Public Information Officer (PIO) to participate in a Joint Information Center (JIC), presently in Durango.

OSC Robert Wise (Durango): 562-889-2572

PIO Rusty Harris-Bishop (Durango): 415-694-8840

OSC Randy Nattis (SF to Farmington 8/10): 415-940-1108

Harry Allen, Section Chief (Sit Report): 415-218-7406

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 11:12 AM, Kao, Jessica <[Kao.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Kao.Jessica@epa.gov)> wrote:

Now. Nite my corrected call in no

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 11:11 AM, Blumenfeld, Jared  
<[BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV](mailto:BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV)> wrote:

What time will call be at.

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 11:10 AM, Kao, Jessica  
<[Kao.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Kao.Jessica@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Harry, pls forward to randy. I just spoke to him

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